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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of TAKAGI et al.

Application No. 09/535,453

Filed: March 24, 2000



Examiner: Fox, J.

Group Art Unit: 3753

For: SWITCH VALE FOR HOT GAS CIRCUIT OF REFRIGERANT CIRCUIT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In an Office Action dated October 26, 2000 (Paper No. 3), the Examiner considered the claims of the above-identified application to be directed to the following patentably distinct groups of the claimed invention.

Group I - Claims 1-3 and 8-12, drawn to a switch valve, classified in Class 137, subclass 881.

Group II - Claims 4-7 and 13-16, drawn to a refrigeration system with a switch valve, classified in Class 62, subclass 624.6.


Applicants elect to further prosecute the invention according to Group I, Claims 1-3 and 8-12, without traverse.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would

expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. Accordingly, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please find enclosed for filing:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
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